

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

308 House Office Building

Wednesday 12:00 P.M.

June 6, 2007

**Representative Gino Polidori, Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Representative Polidori** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor, Horn.

**Absent:** None.

**Representative Brown** moved to approve the minutes of the **May 9, 2007** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Chair laid HR 111** before the committee.

HR 111	Lemmons	A resolution applauding the Tuskegee Airmen for the receipt of the Congressional Gold Medal and for their exemplary service to our state and the nation.
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**Representative Lemmons, sponsor of HR 111**, explained his resolution to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Dan Crocker**, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), testified in **support of HR 111**.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HR 111** but did not wish to speak.

**Michael L. Williams**, representing the American Legion of Michigan

**Gene S. Hentkowski**, representing the Catholic War Veterans

**Edward F. Jablonski**, representing the Polish Legion of American Veterans

**Representative Brown** moved to report **HR 111** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**HR 111 reported out with recommendation.**

**The Chair** placed the committee at ease at 12:07 p.m.

**The Chair** called the meeting back to order at 12:20 p.m.

**The Chair laid HR 53** before the committee.

HR 53	Jackson	A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to increase funding for veterans health programs and to reform budget practices to assure that veterans health care needs are addressed by direct rather than discretionary funding.
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**Bryan MacKenzie**, from Chairmen Polidori's office, explained **HR 53** to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Representative Jackson, sponsor** of **HR 53**, submitted a written letter, explaining her resolution to the committee.

**Dan Crocker**, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), testified in **support of HR 53**.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HR 53** but did not wish to speak.

**Michael L. Williams**, representing the American Legion of Michigan

**Gene S. Hentkowski**, representing the Catholic War Veterans

**Edward F. Jablonski**, representing the Polish Legion of American Veterans

**Representative Dean** moved to report **HR 53** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**HR 53 reported out with recommendation.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:25 p.m.**

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Representative Gino Polidori Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
June 6, 2007  
25 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed